



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
**ONTARIO CHAPTER**

## ***Continuing Education Opportunity***

*The AFS-OC is very pleased to present a workshop entitled:*

### ***Working with Indigenous Communities 101***

*Instructed by Gary Pritchard*

*March 2, 2017 at 1:00 pm (EST)*

*Geneva Park, Orillia*

*Come join us at the Geneva Park Conference Centre, on the shores of Lake Couchiching near Orillia, the traditional lands of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation.*

*Workshop Registration Rates are: \$40 for students, \$50 for AFS-OC members, \$60 for non AFS-OC members.*

*See next page for details. To register please visit the AFS-OC Online Store (<http://www.afs-oc.org/shop/>). For additional information, please contact:*

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*AFS-OC Members and students are eligible for discounted rates.*

## **About the Workshop**

Working with Indigenous Communities 101 creates a safe place for people to engage in dialogue that increases understanding of working with Canada's Indigenous Peoples, and explores the meaning of reconciliation and our respective role to play.

Workshops are modeled on an Indigenous circle process that creates a supportive and safe environment for meaningful dialogue and relationship building to occur. Together participants explore pathways to develop community-based and community-driven action plans and relationships.

Each workshop offers a truly powerful and transformative experience, and creates a solid foundation for building meaningful relationships between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians.

## **Structure of the Circles**

Each workshop will create a safe space for participants to share personal stories, discuss visions for a better future, and to develop individual and collective reconciliation action plans. The workshop begins in a large circle with introductions of the participants, the work of Reconciliation Canada and the shared history of the Indian Residential School system and current reality of inter-generational impacts. Afterwards, the attendees form smaller circles to discuss the meaning of reconciliation, share personal experiences and insights, and to explore the role they can play in it based on their particular set of strengths, skills and abilities.

## **Participants**

Dependent on the audience of the workshop, participants may include Survivors, Indigenous leaders, government policy-makers, community leaders, multi-cultural and faith groups, and other interested people. Some workshops target specific demographic and professional groups and can be tailored to the interests of young adults or corporate leaders, for example.

## **Outcomes**

Working with Indigenous Communities 101 is designed to provide opportunities for participants to build meaningful partnerships, create synergies and identify collaboration opportunities that work towards building vibrant and sustainable communities for our shared future.

## **Instructor**

**Gary Pritchard** is an Environmental Project Manager from Curve Lake First Nation and brings over 14 years of environmental experience. He has worked with and travelled to over 280 Indigenous communities throughout Canada and the United States. He has extensive knowledge of conducting environmental assessments, implementing environmental policy, project planning and permitting while working in conjunction with a variety of multi-disciplinary sectors. He has successfully collaborated with many stakeholder groups, researchers, institutes, government agencies and First Nation communities and political organizations to address environmental concerns and identify practical solutions to environmental related issues. Gary also serves as a technical advisor and past professor at two post-secondary institutes within Ontario.